

Remarks

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Moller et al. in view of Sorensen et al. is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is directed to a roof window assembly comprising, among other structure, the second profile wall of a profile material of the window frame having a transverse inwards recess extending in the longitudinal direction of the frame member. The recess is designated by the numeral 511 in the drawings. It is pointed out that the second profile wall in which the recess extends is claimed as part a window frame whose members engage edge zones of the external major surface of the glazing element.

Moller et al. does not disclose the structure of claim 1 described above. An inner curb frame 19 of Moller et al. serves for mounting internal accessories such as shades (column 3, lines 46-48), but this is not capable of supporting an external screening accessory, and there is no suggestion of a screening accessory having engaging means or engaging with a transverse inward recess. Furthermore, the inner curb frame 19 is not part of the window frame. As was described above, the window frame was recited in the claim as having members engaging edge zones of the external major surface of the glazing elements. The inner curb frame 19 of Moller et al. is not part of such a structure. Instead, it is floatingly suspended on a top edge surface 7 of a curb wall member of the assembly (column 3, lines 41-46). There is no hint or suggestion in Moller et al. of positioning an accessory on the external side of the glazing.

Sorensen et al. also does not disclose a screening accessory, as the Examiner


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acknowledges. Furthermore, it would not have been obvious to modify Moller et al. by using the external sliding roof frame of Sorensen et al. for at least the reason that neither reference discloses the external screening accessory called for by claim 1.

It is submitted that all of the claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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